



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

May 26, 2017

### **CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

In observance of Memorial Day, all City offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 29th. In addition, there will be no trash or recycling collection on Monday. Next week's collection routes will run one day behind schedule through Saturday. Spring leaf collection will also run one day behind schedule.

### **CITY CEMETERIES PREPARE FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

The Parks & Recreation Department (Cemetery and Parks staff), with assistance from the General Services Department's Highway & Utilities Division, have been very busy preparing the cemeteries for Memorial Day. In addition to mowing and trimming, staff have prepared 416 flower beds at the cemeteries and planted thousands of flowers (funds for which are provided by the Flower Trust Fund). In addition, volunteers have placed American flags on the graves of all 4,000 veterans buried in the City's cemeteries. The Cemetery Office at Blossom Hill has additional American flags available for any veterans, if needed. The Cemetery Office at Blossom Hill will be open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM all weekend and on Memorial Day.



### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

This year's Memorial Day Parade will be held on **Monday, May 29th**, at 9:00 AM. The parade will depart from the parking lot of the Burlington Coat Factory on Storrs Street and will proceed up Pleasant Street Extension to Main Street. The parade will turn right onto Main Street and proceed to Court Street, where it will take a left. The parade will then turn left onto State Street, then left onto Capital Street for the closing ceremony at the State House Plaza.

### **DOWNTOWN FLAGS**

The City was able to purchase and install new American flags along the length of Main Street in time for the Memorial Day holiday. The flags were purchased through a generous donation from local residents Stephen and Susan Duprey. We encourage everyone to come downtown to check them out!



### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS RE: I-93**

The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is conducting Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review of proposed improvements to the I-93 corridor through Bow and Concord. Two public information meetings are being held, one in Concord and one in Bow, to present the potential corridor and interchange concepts that are under consideration. Each meeting will begin with an Open House where concepts will be displayed for viewing and questions can be answered. A formal presentation will follow with opportunities for the public to ask questions.

The meetings will be held as follows:

#### **Wednesday, May 31st**

Bow Memorial School  
20 Bow Center Road, Bow  
Open House: 4:00-6:00 PM  
Presentation: 7:00 PM

#### **Thursday, June 1st**

Rundlett Middle School  
144 South Street, Concord  
Open House: 4:00-6:00 PM  
Presentation: 7:00 PM

All residents, business owners, commuters, local officials, and elected officials are invited to attend.

For more information, visit [www.i93bowconcord.com](http://www.i93bowconcord.com).

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#### CONSTRUCTION AROUND THE CITY

Liberty Utilities will be working at the following locations next week:

- Green Street, from Centre to School Street;
- Centre Street, at Green Street intersection (night);
- School Street, from Green to North Spring Street;
- Central Avenue at Warren Street;
- School Street at Evans Lane;
- Langdon Avenue from South Main Street to end;
- South Main Street from Langdon Avenue to Maitland Street.

In addition, the following work will be conducted by private developers next week:

- The contractor for the Dairy Queen project will continue to perform curb, sidewalk, and driveway work in front of 192-196 Loudon Road.
- The contractor for the Red Arrow Diner project will continue to perform curb and sidewalk work in front of 110-116 Loudon Road.

Work on both of these projects is expected to start on Tuesday. Both projects will require closing one of the two east-bound lanes in their locations during work hours (7:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Work will continue throughout the week. Delays can be expected.

#### PARKS & RECREATION

The Memorial Day weekend is upon us and, with it, the unofficial start of summer. With the weekend weather looking up, why not stop by one of the City's many local parks for some family fun. Most of our parks have a variety of recreational opportunities available, like swing sets and playground equipment, walking trails, open space areas to throw a ball or Frisbee, picnic tables, ponds to sit and relax by, basketball and tennis courts, and the Beaver Meadow Park is lined for pickle ball. Pick a grassy spot and set up a volleyball or badminton net, relax on one of the many benches, or spread out a blanket and read a good book. An empty park is a sad sight, so take advantage of the good weather and enjoy all our parks have to offer.



#### NEIGHBORHOOD STREET PAVING PROGRAM

The City's paving contractor, GMI Asphalt, continues street and sidewalk paving efforts as part of the Neighborhood Street Paving Program. Oakmont Drive, Fairview Drive, Foxcross Circle, and Country Club Lane have all been reclaimed. Curbing is still being reset, and catch basins and manhole covers are being raised to grade to prepare for the final pavement overlay. Driveways are being tied back in and loam will be replaced behind the curb after it has been reset. Edges will be reseeded to add back to the landscape. Next week, the contractor will be transitioning to Eastman Street to begin lowering manhole covers. Reclaiming of Eastman Street is scheduled to begin the following week. Visit [www.concordnh.gov/pavingplan](http://www.concordnh.gov/pavingplan) to learn more about the City's Neighborhood Street Paving Program and find a list of streets scheduled to be paved this summer.







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#### INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



On May 23rd, the Purchasing Division hosted visitors from the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Deputy City Manager-Finance Brian LeBrun, Purchasing Manager Doug Ross, and Purchasing Agent Karen MacGregor met with program participants from Venezuela and their accompanied interpreters/liasons. Participants included **Ericka Carielvis Carrasco Castillo** (Civil Association Compromiso Ciudadano); **Esther Andreina Luna Gomez** (National Assembly's Permanent Commission of Foreign Affairs, Sovereignty & Integration); **Guido Alejandro Mercado Duarte** (Municipal Council Libertador, Merida City); **Tomas Emilio Rojas Carvajal** (NGO Asamblea de Educacion); **Sylvia Coates** (Interpreter); and **Thomas Norton** (Interpreter). The meeting was successful and helped the visitors accomplish their professional goals of learning about transparency and accountability in municipal government purchasing and contracting.

#### PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Concord General Services celebrated National Public Works Week this past week. A Public Works Twitter Party was held on Monday which received close to 4,000 tweet views and recognition from local residents, national public works organizations, and the American Public Works Association. On Tuesday, a Public Works celebration was held at Memorial Field that featured Touch-a-Truck, display tables, career opportunities, live demonstrations, a Pay-As-You-Throw trash bag raffle, and Battle of the Backhoe. Approximately 300 local school children attended the celebration to learn about the City's public works services. On Wednesday, department superintendents hosted a luncheon for employees during their lunch break. Department superintendents donated money to buy food and cooked the food as a way of thanking their employees for the hard work they do all year. Mayor Bouley and City Manager Aspell both spoke at the luncheon and gave thanks to public works employees for their dedicated service. General Services Director Chip Chesley also presented Service Award pins to employees who have reached years of service milestones. Overall, National Public Works Week was a huge success for the City. These events were valuable in engaging the community, providing education, and showing appreciation to employees.







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#### **NH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM**

Property owners who owned their homes on April 1, 2016 may apply to the State of NH for relief of a portion of the State education property tax. There is no age requirement or asset limit for this program. A single person whose total household income was \$20,000 or less in 2016, and married persons or heads of NH households with total household income of \$40,000 or less may apply.

Applications for the State of NH Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Program are available at [www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/forms/low-moderate.htm) or may be obtained from the City's Assessing office, located in City Hall. The forms are also available on the [City website](#). Forms and documentation should be mailed to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, P.O. Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299, and must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2017. Applicants will need a copy of their January or March 2017 tax bill and a copy of their 2016 Federal tax return. If the property is in a trust, a copy of the entire trust document must be submitted.

For more information, please call the NH Department of Revenue Administration at (603) 230-5920.

#### **NEW LANDSCAPING AT BROADWAY FIRE STATION**

The crews at the Broadway Fire Station are preparing the grounds for some new landscaping. Last year, the Willow tree at the front of the property had to be removed due to age and deterioration. The new landscaping will feature stone benches, a brick patio, shade and ornamental trees, and shrubs. Last Saturday, the crews of Battalion 4 moved the firefighter memorial to its new location. The entire project should be completed by mid-July.



#### **ROLLINS PARK WALL REPAIRS**

The first of three phases to restore, repair and rebuild the historic wall that borders Rollins Park commenced on May 23rd. The wall is approximately 1,100 feet in length, and the first phase will focus on the first 330 feet of the wall, from the south end of the wall to just shy of the main entrance on Broadway. The wall is made of granite and built in five different sections of varying heights, with various styles of construction and different types of granite blocks and stone. Some parts of the wall have deteriorated to the point of nearly falling over. Most of the damage to the wall has been caused by water passing through the aged mortar into the wall and dissolving mortar components, with freeze/thaw cycles causing mechanical failure and cracks. Some of the repairs include dismantling the wall and installing a new foundation; some areas just need new mortar; and the entire underside of the capstone will have a kerf or channel chiseled into it to help prevent water from migrating back into the wall.



#### **2ND ANNUAL "HOW TO" FESTIVAL**

Concord TV paid a visit to the Concord Public Library's second annual "How To" Festival, which was held on Saturday, May 20th. Check out their short [video](#) of this fabulous event.



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Join us **June 2, 2017**

**Concord Police Department's  
Annual Bicycle Auction**

Viewing at 5:30pm

**Auction Begins at 6:00pm**

Auction will be directly behind the police station.

### 2017 MID-AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to **John DeVito** from Passaconaway Country Club for his strong play and winning the inaugural Mid-Amateur Match Play Championship hosted by Beaver Meadow Golf Course in partnership with the NH Golf Association. John defeated Ryan Kohler 3&2 in the final match of the tournament. Both players had high praise for the conditions of the course and especially the greens.



## 3 THREE 8-week in-house Summer Camps!!!

Want to try a  
SPECIALTY camp?  
We've got 'em from A - Z!



- ARCHERY CAMP
- CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMPS
- CONCORD TV CAMPS
- COOKING CAMP
- ENCHANTED FAIRY TALE LIBRARY DANCE CAMP
- FARM CAMP
- FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

EARLY DROP OFF (7:30am)  
and LATE PICK UP (5:30pm)  
is NO EXTRA CHARGE!

- GOLF CAMPS
- JUNIOR TRACK & FIELD
- LACROSSE CAMP
- LEGO CAMPS
- ONCE UPON A PRINCESS CAMP
- SPIRIT WEEK DANCE CAMP
- TENNIS CAMPS
- TRACK & FIELD CAMP

### KIDS KAMP

GRADES: 1 & 2 (in September)  
TIME: June 20 - August 12  
8:30am - 7:30pm  
LOCATION: Rundlett Middle School

### REC KAMP

GRADES: 3 - 5 (in September)  
TIME: June 20 - August 12  
8:30am - 7:30pm  
LOCATION: Rundlett Middle School

### TEEN KAMP

GRADES: 6 - 8 (in September)  
TIME: June 20 - August 12  
8:30am - 7:30pm  
LOCATION: Rundlett Middle School



For more information, call our office 603-225-8690 or visit our website, [www.concordparksandrec.com](http://www.concordparksandrec.com)

## Tennis

### Little Hitters Tennis

Instructor: Chris Bourassa

Session 1  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
July 11, 13, 18 & 20  
Ages 4-5 5:30pm  
Ages 6-7 5:30-6:15pm  
Merrill Park

Session 2  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
August 1, 3, 8 & 10  
Ages 4-5 5:30pm  
Ages 6-7 5:30-6:15pm  
Merrill Park



### Summer Tennis League

Instructor: USPTR Pattu Pillai

Session 1  
Tuesdays, June 13-July 25 (No class 7/4/17)  
6-7p.m.  
Thursdays, June 15-July 20  
6-7 p.m.  
Memorial Field

Session 2  
Tuesdays, Aug. 1 - Sept. 5  
6-7pm  
Thursdays, July 27-Aug. 31  
6-7pm  
Memorial Field



### Youth Tennis Camp

Instructor: Chris Bourassa

Session 1  
June 26-30  
9am-12 Noon  
Memorial Field Tennis Courts  
Rain location: Green St. Community Center

Session 2  
July 10-14  
9am-12 Noon  
Memorial Field Tennis Courts  
Rain location: Green St. Community Center

Session 3  
August 7-11  
9am-12 Noon  
Memorial Field Tennis Courts  
Rain location: Green St. Community Center

## Basketball

### Tide Jumpers Basketball Camp

Instructor: Dave Chase

Dates: July 17 - 21  
9-11:30 am  
Grades: 1-2  
Green St. Community Center

### Junior Tide Hoop Camp

Instructor: Dave Chase

July 17-21  
12-3 pm  
Grades: 3-6  
Green St. Community Center



### Middle School Basketball Camp

Instructor: Dave Chase

July 24-28  
9-3pm  
Grades: 7-8  
Green St. Community Center

### Boys Middle School 3 v 3 League

Instructor: Dave Chase

Sundays, June 25 - July 30  
6-7:30 pm  
Grades: 6-8  
Green St. Community Center

## Soccer

### Soccer Fun-Damentals

September 9 - October 21 (Saturdays) No Class Oct. 7  
9-9:45 am  
10-10:45 am  
11-11:45 am  
Keach Park

### Co-Ed Division I Youth Soccer League

Dates: September 9 - October 21 (Saturdays) No class Oct. 7  
12-2p.m.  
Keach Park

### Division II - Grade 3 & 4

Days (Boys) Games: Thursday Nights and/or Saturday mornings  
Days (Girls) Games: Tuesday Nights and/or Saturday mornings

### Division III - Grade 5 & 6

Days (Boys) Games: Thursday Nights and/or Saturday mornings  
Days (Girls) Games: Tuesday Nights and/or Saturday mornings



## Field Hockey

### Fall Field Hockey League

Instructor: Cave Girl

Dates: Sundays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 22 (no practice Oct. 8)  
Time: 1 - 2:30 pm  
Grades: 2-5  
Rollins Park

## Flag Football

### NFL Flag Football

Sundays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 22,  
no class Oct. 8  
Ages: 6-8 & 9-11  
Reed Field (Hall St.)

